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ROME FOR RCAA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, BA, SA
SUBJECT: U.S. - ARABIAN PENINSULA AIR ROUTES

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED ME APRIL 17 IF IT IS TRUE THAT
USG IS PROPOSING TO SAUDIS THAT GULF AIR, SAUDIE AND KUWAIT
AIRLINES COMBINE TO OPERATE A SINGLE NEW YORK - ARABIAN
PENINSULA ROUTE. I REPLIED THAT I WAS NOT INFORMED BUT THAT
I UNDERSTOOD IT WAS OUR GENERAL APPROACH TO ENCOURAGE SUCH
GROUPINGS, THOUGH ACTUAL ROUTES WERE RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS.
I SAID I BELIEVED WE ARE IN ACTIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAG
AT THIS TIME ON A BILATERAL AVIATION AGREEMENT.

2. FONMIN SAID HE HAD READ THAT AN AMERICAN CARRIER, HE
SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS BRANIFF, WAS SEEKING RIYADH-HOUSTON ROUTE.
HE ADDED THAT GOB NATURALLY IS CONCERNED ABOUT BAHRAIN'S
ROLE AS REGIONAL AIR CENTER AND THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE
WHATEVER I COULD LEARN AND SHARE WITH HIM ABOUT STATE OF PLAY
BETWEEN USG, SAG AND AMERICAN CARRIERS SEEKING ACCESS TO
THE PENINSULA. PLEASE ADVISE.

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